

prejudice, "In my life I never cared about a person's nationality, the color of their skin or anything else because we are all God's people." He was a man of faith and lived his life one day at a time. He will be remembered as an extraordinary man who was treasured by his family, veterans, and the Las Vegas community.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO EVA BACA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to an outstanding elementary school from my district. Eva Baca Elementary School in Pueblo, Colorado recently received national recognition as an award winning "Blue Ribbon" school under the "No Child Left Behind" initiative. It is a privilege to stand here and recognize the amazing accomplishments of this terrific school and pay tribute to its success before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone from administrators to students, Eva Baca Elementary has dramatically improved its performance ratings. By focusing on individual student achievement, the school targets kids beginning to show signs of difficulty with their studies and provides them with the extra help they need to succeed. Helping children excel in learning requires a tremendous amount of effort from the school's staff and a high level of participation on the part of the parents. Overall test scores at Eva Baca Elementary are in the top ten percent of the state, making it one of the top performing schools in the nation. National recognition by the "Blue Ribbon" program signifies Eva Baca Elementary School as one of Colorado's best.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress and this great nation to recognize the accomplishments of Eva Baca Elementary School. They provide a shining example for the educational system in Colorado. Keep up the good work.

**HONORING PAUL C. LAUTERBUR
ON HIS RECEIPT OF THE 2003
NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE**

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Paul C. Lauterbur, who was recently awarded the 2003 Nobel prize in medicine for his groundbreaking research in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Dr. Lauterbur conducted his work on MRI technique during his tenure at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, which is located in the First Congressional District of New York. His research was a revolutionary contribution to the field of medicine, and has since enhanced the lives of millions of patients suffering from devastating illnesses in the United States and around the world.

The development of MRI represents a breakthrough in medical diagnostics and re-

search, which has led to improved treatment and better health for millions of patients. MRI is a medical diagnostic technique that can create thin-section images of any part of the body, including the heart, arteries, and veins, from any angle in a relatively short period of time. Given the level of detail MRI can provide a physician on a patient's anatomy and condition, its use has dramatically improved accuracy in medical diagnostics and has become an indispensable tool in medical research. The technique has proven especially useful for detailed study of the brain and spinal cord. Perhaps the most important contribution of MRI to medicine is that it has, in many cases, replaced the need for patients to undergo invasive surgery for diagnosing illnesses.

It was Dr. Lauterbur's research in the area of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) that aided the development of modern MRI. Dr. Lauterbur was the first researcher to use NMR, a process in which molecules are entrained in a strong magnetic field and zapped with radio waves, to produce an image and apply it to the field of medicine. In doing so, he introduced gradients to the magnetic field, which, he discovered, made it possible to create two-dimensional images of structures that could not be visualized by other techniques. Among the first images that Dr. Lauterbur made through NMR was of a clam and two test tubes of heavy water in a beaker of ordinary water. In 1971, the doctor realized that his idea could be used for producing medical images and, in 1973, his findings on the technique were published. Dr. Lauterbur's work led to the development of the MRI scanner, and has been called the most significant medical diagnostic study of the 20th century.

Dr. Lauterbur spent 22 years at Stony Brook before joining the University of Illinois faculty in 1985. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1951 from the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio, and a doctorate in chemistry in 1962 from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Lauterbur's other achievements include the National Academy of Sciences Award for Chemistry in Service to Society (2001); the Kyoto Prize from the Inamori Foundation of Japan for lifelong research accomplishments in advanced chemistry (1994); and the National Medal of Science (1987).

Mr. Speaker, the development of MRI has spared millions of patients the physical discomfort and risk associated with the surgical diagnosis of disease. Last year, 22,000 MRI cameras were in use worldwide, and more than 60 million scans were performed. Clearly, without Dr. Lauterbur's groundbreaking work, modern MRI might not be in existence today. Every patient who has been spared surgery and accurately diagnosed through the use of MRI has Dr. Lauterbur to thank. I am proud that Dr. Lauterbur conducted this important work at Stony Brook and I commend him for his invaluable contribution to medicine and humanity.

**HONORING THE LATE TONY
GARCIA, JR.**

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the late Tony Garcia, Jr., longtime

community leader and executive director of the Tampa United Service Organization (USO). His dedication to America's servicemen and -women and his hometown of Tampa is an inspiration to us all.

A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Tony worked for the Tampa USO for 35 years, ensuring that military personnel had a pleasant stay while in Tampa. In the 50's and 60's, he was known for bringing in celebrities to perform at Christmas shows for the men and women of our armed services that were unable to go home for the holidays.

Tony was also known for his remarkably selfless and never ceasing service to the community. As a board member of the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce; he crusaded for improvements in the area, day after day. He was also active in the Tampa Urban League, the Optimist Club, the Sertoma Club, and the Hillsborough Education Foundation. Tony was continually organizing fundraisers and events. A friend referred to him as "a unique blend of humility and charity," and his service to the Tampa Bay area was exactly that. He used his personal gifts to bring people together, making our community stronger.

On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Tony's family—his wife of 58 years, Blanche, a son, two siblings, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild. They have been truly blessed by having such a caring person in their lives, as we all have. The Tampa community will always remember Tony's bountiful dedication and generosity.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO CARI SUE
MICHAELS**

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a remarkable citizen from my district. Cari Sue Michaels of Durango, Colorado has shown tremendous courage in the face of a devastating disease. For her courage and unconquerable spirit, I am honored to pay tribute to Cari here today.

In January of 2003, Cari began her courageous battle against ovarian cancer and underwent surgery to remove a tumor on her ovary. Shortly thereafter, Cari learned that she suffered from a very rare and difficult to treat form of cancer. She underwent radiation and chemotherapy, but they appeared to do little to fight the cancer. Despite the battle that lay before her, Cari refused to give up. She has remained committed to fighting every day and living her life to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, Cari Sue Michaels' unconquerable spirit and courage are an inspiration to us all. Through difficult and trying times, she has maintained her positive attitude and has refused to give in to the disease that she battles every day. I know that Cari's fight is far from over, and I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in recognizing her courage in continuing her fight.